

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that claims 11-16 are allowed, and that claims 2 and 4-6 contain allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, Fig. 12 is amended, as the Examiner requested. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

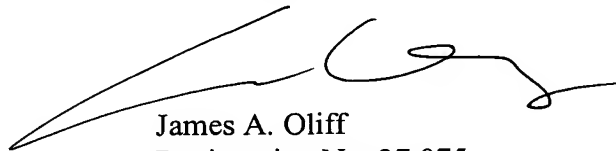
The Office Action objects to Fig. 12. Fig. 12 is amended to include a legend "prior art." Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection to Fig. 12 is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3 and 7-10 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent 6,678,096. A Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 3 and 7-10 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-16 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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